

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] As illustrated in Figures 2-4, bottom plate 24 preferably contains a raised portion 33 which extends out from a flat portion 38 of bottom plate 24 to form gap 34. Gap 34 is preferably large enough to provide sufficient space for a digital controller (not shown) to provide control logic functions to disk drives 4 that may be attached to board 25, as a-well as sufficient space for providing power and control interconnections to the plurality of disk drives 4 contained in RSM 3. Flat portions ~~35-38~~35-38 may serve to support board 25 in the preferred embodiment.